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The tobacco industry has been supporting independent scientific research on smoking and health for nearly a quarter of a century. During this period of time the industry has committed over \$60 million. This includes a five-year grant to the Harvard Medical School for a smoking and health research program and three-year extension through 1980 approved in March of this year. The Harvard research program, like others sponsored by the industry, leaves the design and conduct of research to the scientists involved. They are free to publish results and data developed at such times and in such scientific journals as they may elect.

Dr. Gary Huber, principal investigator for the Harvard program, has recently submitted an abstract to Chest, a journal published by the American College of Chest Physicians. He reports on an experiment described as demonstrating "that a loss or destruction of lung parenchyma distal to the terminal airways occurred following experimental exposure [of male CD rats] to tobacco smoke for a six months duration."

Dr. Huber will report on these findings at a meeting of the American College of Chest Physicians commencing in late October.

The sponsors of the Harvard project have not received a copy of the paper to be presented at the scientific meeting and understand that Dr. Huber will be submitting a manuscript for publication at some later date.